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1. At the conclusion of World War II, a number of societies were founded in Denmark, comprising individuals who had been imprisoned and/or interned during the Occupation because of their political convictions and/or activity in the resistance movement.

2. These societies were united in Landsforeningen af Besæettelsens Politiske Fanger (The National Association of Political Prisoners from the Occupation), which in its annual meeting in Horsens in 1948 elected the following officers:

Christensen, Aage Holger, born 3 October 1918 in Horup. Secretary. Handelsvej 2, Copenhagen.

Dahl, Raj Vilhelm, 7 October 1894 born in Borgium. Lawyer, businessman. Horsens.

Fog, Mogens Ludolf, born 9 June 1904 in Frederiksberg. Professor. Charlottenlund.

Holt, Poul, born 4 May 1900 in Copenhagen. Seminary leader, teacher.

Jacobsen, Kate Fleron, born 16 September 1909 in Copenhagen. Chief editor, Strandvaenget 19, Copenhagen.

Larsen, Aksal, born 5 August 1897 in Braendekilde. Member of parliment. Ved Lindevangen 32, Copenhagen.

Marcher, Olaf, born 20 January 1913 in Copenhagen. Police officer. Charlottenlund.

Schoch, Aage, born 24 Jahuary 1898 in Horsens. Editor. Copenhagen. Thygesen, Paul Aage Jens, born 4 February 1914. Doctor. Middelfartgade 10, Copenhagen.

3. The national association allied itself with the International Organization of Political Prisoners, Federation Internationale des Anciens Prisonniers Politiques (FIAPP). Both the national and the international society included, by their very nature, a strong representation of

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- In 1947 Landsforeningen numbered 2000 members, and in April 1948 if numbered 2400.
- 5. In the course of time, dissension arose on political questions in Landsforeningen as well as in the local member societies; and in 1949 the split developed into an open breach, with the result that several of the largest local societies were dissolved. Also in 1949 it was decided at general conventions in Copenhagen and Fredericia that the national association itself should be dissolved. However, a working committee was established to handle questions of improving economic conditions for those former prisoners whose health or physical fitness was impaired as a result of the period in Germany.
- 6. The chairman of this committee was Aage Schoch and the secretary, Frode Tott. It is not known whether the committee still is in existence.
- In the period following this, several local aftempts were made to establish new prisoners' societies. In Haderslev, for example, Communists were excluded from membership.
- 8. In January 1951 a maeting was held in Fredericia, in which former prisoners of the Gestapo and former resistance people agreed to form a national association embracing all organizations which had arisen as a result of, or in connection with, the national fight for freedom in the years 1940-1945. This association, which was given the name Foreningen Gestapofangerne (Society of Gestapo Prisoners), has an office at Wallandsaile 86, Copenhagen, belonging to a manufacturer named V. I. Clammensen. There are no further details known about the association at the moment.
- 9. On 30 June 1951 a four-day conference called by FIAPP opened in Vienna. Here it was decided to scrap the old organization and establish a new one, which is to embrace not only former prisoners but also former resistance people, widows of those who died in the battle for freedom, etc.

The following delegates from Denmark participated:

Andersen, Niels Frederik, born 27 January 1908 in Taulov. Teacher. Odense.

Moller, Friedrich, born 24 December 1909 in Fredericia. Workman. Dr.J. Olgasvej 51, Frederiksberg.

Gram, Robert Christian, born 24 December 1910 in Esbjerg. Office worker.

Kern, Arild Telt, born 19 June 1908 in Randers. Doctor. Asboutevard 82, Comennagen.

Larsen, Heige Gunnar, born 10 April 1909 in Korson. Editor. Buntmagervej 2, Copenhagen.

Nyberg, Jens Christian Nielsen, born 22 February 1882 in Skibet. Journalist.

Olsson, Bengt Ryhl, born 7 September 1919 in Copenhagen. Student of architecture. Vedbaekgade II, Copenhagen.

Pedersen, Sunneva Kolthoff Sando (Sandoe), born 4 April 1898 in Todnaes. Gymnastics teacher.

Prytz, Rud, born 7 December 1899 in Heilerup. Lawyer Ahlmanns Alle 26, Copenhagen.

Rilsmolfer, Anders Peter, born 14 March 1905 in Skorping. Museum curator. Kastetvej 35, Aalborg. Permanent family residence: Gl. Praestegaard, Skorping.

Schultz, Hedvig Sara Elly (nee Otsen), born 21 May 1904 in Copenhagen. Housewife, Vangedevej 197, Copenhagen.

Toblesen, Sven, born 17 August 1901 in Esbjerg Merchant

Toft, Frode Andreasen, born 28 July 1914 in Nr. Sundby. Office worker. Store Kongensgade 63, V. Copenhagen. Vognsen, Svend, born 29 May 1909 in Hopt-up. Teacher. Fredericia.

representatives of the above mentioned new Danish association, or on behalf of local societies, or independently. However, the following additional information is available on some of them:

Member of DKP.

Moiser, Fredrich.

Member of DKP since 1928, enthusiastic Communist promident within this trade union.

Gram, Robert. Kern, Arild Telt. Largen, Heige Gunnar Olsson, Bengt Ryhl. Prytz, Rud.

Old member of DKP.

Member of DKP since 1931, editor, of <u>Lond og Folk</u>.

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Old Communist chairman of BOPA.

During Occupation, was leading influence behind publication of <u>Frit Danmark</u> (Free Denmark), along with leading Communists.

Schultz, Hedvig Sara Elly.

is believed to be confirmed Communist. Husband is well-known member of BOPA.

Riismoller, Anders Peter. Toft, Frode Andreason. Vognsen, Svend. Probably Communist.

Member of DKP since 1935.

Communist.

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Comment, BOPA is an abbreviation for Borgertige Partisaner, a strongly Communistic resistance organization, which was formed in February 1942 by former volunteers in the Spanish civil war.

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